GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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CONTAMINATED GROUND WATER
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the ground water in some districts of Karnataka contain a large quantity of fluorine; and

(b) if so, the preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Provision of safe drinking water is planned, financed and implemented by the State Governments. The CentralGround Water Board provides technical services to the State Governments inthis endeavour. Further, the Department of Drinking Water Supply in the Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Urban Development extend financial and technical support to the State Governments in their efforts to supply safe drinking water, in such areas.

The Government of Karnataka has taken up water quality analysis of all sources in rural areas of Karnataka to ascertain the potability of drinking water. In order to mitigate the problem of drinking water and provide safe and potable water, water supply schemes under Rajiv Gandhi National DrinkingWater Mission are taken up with surface sources such as rivers, canals distributaries, minor irrigation tanks etc., for tackling the problem of excess fluoride.